

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, March 25, 2004
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room, 1st Floor
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2004**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

VII. Citizen's Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. MILPITAS SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

Background: As part of the Huizhou City presentation to Council on March 2, 2004, Chair Garcia reported that the paperwork to form this non-profit organization was completed and returned to the City Attorney's Office. Commissioner Grilli is responsible for forming the board.

Recommendation: Receive report from Commissioner Grilli.

VIII. Old Business

2. GLOBAL VILLAGE EVENT: 5/01/04, 11 AM TO 4 PM, LOCATION TBA

Background: Vice Chair Arthur is coordinating logistics for this event. Commissioner Iringan will support Dagupan's representation. Commissioner Grilli will support Huizhou's representation. Chair Garcia will assist with the event.

Recommendation: Receive the Vice Chair's report and discuss booth design.

2. RECOMMENDATION OF SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP: HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Background: On March 2, 2004, the Milpitas City Council approved a two-year Memorandum of Understanding to form a sister city relationship. Conducted by Commissioner Grilli, the presentation included a PowerPoint presentation from Mr. Johnson Shi, Deputy Director, Bureau of Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs, Huizhou Municipality, Guangdong Province, PRC. Chair Garcia provided closing comments about the formation of the non-profit organization, Milpitas Sister Cities Association. Mr. Shi presented a silk tapestry was to the Mayor and Council.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Grilli.

4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Commissioner Iringan is working to confirm a possible visit from Dagupan Mayor Lim.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Iringan. Continue discussions to evaluate relationship activities and progress, due as a report to Council on or before April 15, 2005.

5. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Milpitas City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Tsukuba at its February 17, 2004, session. Chair Garcia and Vice Chair Arthur are working on details for the June Visit to Tsukuba.

Recommendation: Receive Tsukuba subcommittee report. Continue planning Milpitas-Tsukuba cultural exchange (June 11 – 20, 2004). Confirm dates of potential visit from Mayor Fujisawa and select lead commissioner.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Tsukuba Relationship & Cultural Exchanges (April)
 - i. June 2004 Milpitas-to-Tsukuba Cultural Exchange (April)
 - ii. July 2004 Mayor Fujisawa's visit to Milpitas (April)
 - iii. August 2004 Tsukuba-to-Milpitas Cultural Exchange, Planning Session (May)
- b. Huizhou Relationship & Cultural Exchanges (April)
- c. Dagupan Relationship & Cultural Exchanges (April)
- d. Milpitas Sister Cities Association – Update (April)

XII. ADJOURNMENT